

# St. Mary Catholic Church

*Est. 1855*

**Mission Parish**

815 St. Mary's Church Rd.  
Fayetteville (near Ellinger)  
www.stmaryellinger.com



**Weekly Offering:** \$ 1,271.00  
**Online Giving:** \$ 296.38

## MASSES

**Wednesday at 7:00 a.m.**  
*No Mass*

**Friday at 7:00 a.m.**  
*No Mass*

**Saturday Vigil at 4:00 p.m.**

*John R. & Betty Zapalac †*

**Sunday at 8:00 a.m.**

*Evelyn & Harold Ilse †*

# St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

*Est. 1870*

207 E. Bell St.  
Fayetteville

www.stjohnfayetteville.com



**Weekly Offering:** \$ 3,799.00  
**Online Giving:** \$ 265.00

## MASSES

**Tuesday at 6:00 p.m.**  
*No Mass*

**Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.**  
*Communion Service*

**Thursday at 7:00 a.m.**  
*No Mass*

**Friday at 6:00 p.m.**  
*Sharon Belota †*

**Saturday at 7:30 a.m.**  
*Willie Mae Jasek †*

**Saturday Vigil at 6:00 p.m.**

*For the People*

**Sunday at 10:00 a.m.**

*Ruddie & Lilly Kaderka,*

*Pat Kaderka Fisher & Katie Simpson †*



**Pope Francis**  
**Vatican City State**



**Bishop Joe S. Vásquez**  
**Diocese of Austin**



# St. Martin Catholic Church

**Historic Chapel**

3490 S. Hwy 237

Round Top (near Warrenton)

## Sacrament of Reconciliation

**St. John:** Wednesday 6:00-6:45 p.m.  
Saturday 8:00-9:00 a.m.

**St. Mary:** Available before every Mass  
(in parish hall)

## Mailing Address and Contact Information

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**Marriage preparation:** Contact the priest before setting the date and at least six months before the date desired.

**Baptism Preparation Classes** will be held on the fourth Monday of each month. Parents & Godparents must have attended a Baptism Preparation class within three years of the Baptism. Contact the parish office to register.

**Parish Registration** forms available at the entrance of the Church and online.

**THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME**  
**January 31, AD 2021**

**PARISH LIFE**

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:** Dianne Allen, Scott Bayless, Dan Castillo, Margie Chovanec, Gilbert Gerik, Janet Sladek-Grayson, Dan Hall, Alois Janish, Dcn. Robert Jasek, Christine Kaspar, J.D. Kovar, Betty Jean Kulhanek, Kathy Mabry, Nina Mascheck, Leo Miller, Loretta Naumann, Rose Novosad, Jeanette Orsak, Harold Peikert, Garland Polasek, Kaycee Roesler, Bill Shock, Shirley Sodek, El Gene and Mary Ann Sommerfeld, Shelley Spears, Margie Stancik, Barbara Tieken, and Maggie Williams.

*(Though they will remain in our prayers, names will only remain on the prayer list for two months, unless a new request is received.)*

**FIRST FRIDAY** occurs this week. At **St. John**, we will have the Exposition of the Eucharist at 3:00 p.m. closing with Benediction, followed by 6:00 p.m. First Friday Mass. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available from 4:00 – 5:30 p.m. There will NOT be a Mass at **St. Mary**.

**FAITH FORMATION – Wednesday, February 3**

- **Grades K-1** will meet at 6:00 – 6:50 p.m.
- **Grades 2-6** will meet at 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.
- **Grades 7-12** will meet at 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

*We will notify you via email and the website if any changes to the schedule are necessary.*

**ADULT FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITY**

**“Christology”**- This 16-hour course will be offered virtually, over four Tuesday’s—**February 2, 9, 16, and 23**—from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. each day. This course focuses on the people of the early church, from their call to discipleship to the formation of an active church. The faith journey of Jesus’ disciples will serve as a model for an examination of our own faith journey. To register, visit <https://secure.acceptiva.com/?cst=e9AVYv>.

**ST. MARY’S PASTORAL COUNCIL** met Thursday, January 21. Items discussed included:

- Maintenance of the Church
- Drainage at St. Mary’s Cemetery
- Liturgy schedule for Lent
- The new officers elected are Joe Lamer as the Chairman; James Korenek is the Vice-Chair; and Janet Bradley is Recorder

**The council will be developing a capital improvement plan. If you have any ideas for the parish, please share them with one of the council members.**

The next meeting will be on **April 15** at 6:30 p.m.

**ST. MARY’S ALTAR SOCIETY** will social distantly meet on Wednesday, **February 3**, at 1:00 p.m. in the parish hall. Bring your mask! There will not be a meal.

**ST. JOHN ALTAR SOCIETY** meeting is Tuesday, **February 9**, at 1:00 p.m. in the parish hall.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** officer meeting will be held on Monday, **February 1**, at 6:30 p.m., in St. John’s Parish Hall.

**ETHICS IN MINISTRY**: All clergy, staff, members of organizations, and ALL volunteers are required to attend an EIM workshop every three years. Temporary online EIM training is available at [www.austindiocese.org/workshop](http://www.austindiocese.org/workshop). If you have any questions or are a new volunteer, please contact Amy Babin at the church office at (979) 378-2277.

**CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS**

- **MONTHLY MEETING** will be on Tuesday, **February 2**, at 6:30 p.m. at St. John’s Parish Hall.
- **CDA EDUCATION CONTEST** entries for students in grades 4-12 and CDA members are **due TOMORROW, February 1**. Contact Suzanne Mattair at 979-249-3901 for questions.
- **CDA SCHOLARSHIPS**: The deadline to turn in applications for **State and Local CDA Scholarships** is **TODAY, January 31**. Please Contact Donna Shula at (713) 818-1470 for applications.

**LENTEN SMALL GROUP**

Join a small group as we journey through Lent with the guidance of Fr. Mark Toups and his program, *The Ascension Lenten Companion, Year B: A Personal Encounter with the Power of the Gospel*. Using the *Lenten Companion* book, participants will work through daily entries – each offering a word, a scripture passage, a short meditation, and a prayer prompt. Then, once a week, the group will meet for a short video, discussion, and prayer.

The group sessions will start Thursday, **February 18**, and continue on the following five Thursdays, **through March 25**. They will start at 7:00 p.m. in St. John’s Parish Hall, and will last about one hour.

A limited supply of the books, donated by a parishioner, will be available at the parish office, free, for group participants.

**YEAR OF THE DOMESTIC CHURCH**

**January Theme: Vocations**

*January Saint highlight: St. Angela Merici*

As a young woman, St. Angela became a member of the Third Order of Saint Francis, and lived a life of great austerity, wishing, like Saint Francis, to own nothing, not even a bed. Early in life she was appalled at the ignorance among poorer children, whose parents could not or would not teach them the elements of religion. Others joined her in giving regular instruction to the little girls of their neighborhood. At 57, she organized a group of 12 girls to help her in catechetical work. Four years later the group had increased to 28. She formed them into the Company of Saint Ursula for the purpose of re-Christianizing family life through solid Christian education of future wives and mothers. The members continued to live at home, had no special habit and took no formal vows, though the early Rule prescribed the practice of virginity, poverty, and obedience.



**MARK YOUR NEW CALENDARS** for *Vacation Bible School 2021* to be held **July 19 – 23!** All adult volunteers must be EIM compliant. For those who have already taken an in-person EIM workshop, an online “refresher” workshop is available at <https://austindiocese.org/workshop>. Planning for VBS has started, but is subject to change with any growing COVID-19 concerns.

**KEEP FILLING THE BABY BANKS!** Be sure to bring your loose change and extra dollars **by next weekend, February 7**, and **FILL UP** the bottles. The Baby Bank campaign supports the Pro-Life efforts in our parish and diocese!

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!**

The 2021 Offertory Envelopes are available at the parish office. **Please place your name on the first few envelopes.**

Also, **ONLINE GIVING IS AVAILABLE** for your weekly, monthly or one-time donations. No need to write checks or remember your envelope... Just complete an authorization form found at the Church entrance and return it to the parish office, or sign yourself up on the parishes websites’ “Make a Donation” page.

# THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

## January 31, AD 2021

**SPECIAL COLLECTIONS NEXT WEEKEND** will be for the Cemetery at St. Mary and Faith Formation at St. John.

**GATHERING FOR THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST IS A BLESSING**, indeed. The Holy Eucharist is the source and summit of our Catholic faith. Everyone is welcome, but fulfilling our Sunday Obligation may feel a bit difficult as we navigate these times of a pandemic.

Social distancing is practiced, masks are required, and hand sanitizer is available for use.

**Remember, the ushers are here to help! Please ask them if you need a mask, assistance finding a seat, or anything else.**

**NOTE:** We ask that those who have been exposed to or are showing symptoms of COVID-19, those who have an underlying health condition making them vulnerable to COVID-19, or those who live with or care for anyone in the previous categories to please abide by CDC guidelines and remotely participate via viewing the **livestreamed Sunday 10:00 a.m. Mass** on our Facebook page. You can access it by visiting our parish websites and clicking the Facebook emblem “f” in the upper right corner.



**THE MOBILE FOOD PANTRY** will be at St. John on **Friday, February 5**, from **10:00 – 11:00 a.m.** This distribution will be a Drive-Thru, so all clients are to stay in their vehicles and open the trunk. Volunteers will load the food in your vehicle.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** at Second Chance Emporium in La Grange on **Feb. 9-11** for stocking, **Feb. 12-13** for sales and Monday morning, **Feb. 15** for straightening. Any help is greatly appreciated. For information, please contact Suzanne Mattair at (832) 465-2383 or Anna Boyd at (281) 687-4217.

## Catholic Social Teaching Corner

### January 30-31 Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Gospel today tells us that the crowds were spellbound by Jesus' teaching "...because he taught with authority..." As a church, we share the privilege and responsibility of living God's truth with authority so that the whole world might hear and believe. Under the leadership of Pope Francis and Bishop Vásquez we call all to protect and defend every person throughout their lives; to promote the dignity of every person by ensuring they have what they need to live with dignity; to grow in solidarity by recognizing our common humanity with everyone. These authoritative teachings are challenging. How are you called to grow in understanding and proclaiming them?

### Enero 30-31 Cuarto Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

El Evangelio de hoy nos dice que las masas estaban fascinadas con las enseñanzas de Jesús. Como una iglesia, compartimos el privilegio y la responsabilidad de vivir la verdad de Dios con autoridad de manera que el mundo entero escuche y crea. Bajo el liderazgo del Papa Francisco y del Obispo Vásquez, llamamos a todos a proteger y defender a cada persona a lo largo de sus vidas; a promover la dignidad de cada persona asegurándonos de que tengan lo que necesitan para vivir con dignidad; para crecer en solidaridad al reconocer nuestra humanidad en común con todos. Estas enseñanzas autoritarias son desafiantes ¿Cómo está usted llamado a crecer en su entendimiento y su proclamación?

## OTHER NEWS

**ANNUAL TURKEY AND DRESSING DINNER** will be served at St. Roch Catholic Church in Mentz on Sunday, **February 7**, from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Drive-Thru only. Tickets are \$12 per plate. There will be a raffle, and desserts available.

### STUDY WEEK SESSIONS ON LITURGICAL TOPICS

Registration is now open for the 59th annual Southwest Liturgical Conference Study Week on **February 2-4**. Living through this pandemic, the presentations will explore the ways in which the liturgy and sacraments are signs of hope. There will be four general session speakers and 30 workshops over the three days. Workshops for RCIA Teams, and presentations on Liturgical Ministry, Liturgical Arts, Music Showcases and many more will be presented. Visit the SWLC website at <http://www.swlc.org/> for more information and to register.



### CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK, January 31-February 6

is a time to celebrate and support Catholic schools. This week let us join in prayer with Bishop Vásquez, *“that Catholic education will continue to be valued and promoted throughout Central Texas...that we will be able to strengthen our current Catholic schools and that we will work to make Catholic schools more available and affordable. Especially [we] pray that families who are challenged economically have the opportunity to send their children to receive a Catholic education.”*

To learn more about what Catholic Schools have to offer your family and children, please visit [CSDATX.org](http://CSDATX.org).

**POST ABORTION HEALING RETREAT:** A Project Rachel Retreat will be held **February 12-14**. Project Rachel is a compassionate and confidential ministry that extends God's unconditional love and forgiveness to women and men who experience the tragedy of abortion by offering a safe place to be reconciled with God and the church. Project Rachel helps anyone who is suffering after having an abortion (or as the result of a loved one's abortion) to experience God's mercy, forgiveness, and peace. For more information, contact Luisa de Poo at (512) 949-2487 or via email at [luisa-depoo@austindiocese.org](mailto:luisa-depoo@austindiocese.org).

### NINTH ANNUAL CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE

entitled “Come Follow Me”, will be held Saturday, **February 20**, 7 a.m. – 2 p.m. at St. William Catholic Church in Round Rock. The conference is presented by the Central Texas Fellowship of Catholic Men. It will feature Mass with Bishop Joe Vásquez, and presentations by Dr. Tim Gray, Father Basil Aguzie, Matt Birk and more! In person tickets are \$55; virtual tickets are \$25. Visit <https://centexatholic.com/mens-conference> for more information.



**THE 33 DAYS OF PREPARATION PRAYER** for Total Consecration to Jesus through Mary begins on **February 20**. In Fatima, Our Lady said, "My Immaculate Heart will be your refuge and the way that will lead you to God." Join thousands of faithful throughout the diocese for 33 days of preparation prayer for Total Consecration to Jesus through Mary. Prayers begin on February 20 and are done privately in homes using the consecration preparation book. Visit [www.TexasToJesusThroughMary.org](http://www.TexasToJesusThroughMary.org) for more information.

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**ST. JOHN LITURGICAL DUTIES**

**LECTOR**

**Wednesday** – Grade 10  
**Saturday** – Annette Little  
**Sunday** – Lee Matocha

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS**

**Wednesday** – Addie Dybala  
**Saturday** – Joan Malota, Lexxus Zika  
**Sunday** – Mary Quiros, Nikki Beseda

**ALTAR SERVERS**

**Saturday** – Paige Jurecka, Peyton Jurecka, Jacob Nigh  
**Sunday** – Logan Ponick, Mackenzie Ponick, Marissa Halamiczek

**ALTAR DUTY FOR FEBRUARY**

Ruth Beseda, Michelle Bertsch, Sandra Janish, Kathy Chovanec

**USHERS FOR FEBRUARY**

**Saturday** – Jonathan Noska, David Stastny, Ronnie Kramr, Christopher Stastny  
**Sunday** – David Holub, Kory Kaspar, John Cufur, Joe Babin

**ST. JOHN CONTACTS**

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Cemetery	Ronald Kramr	979-249-6152

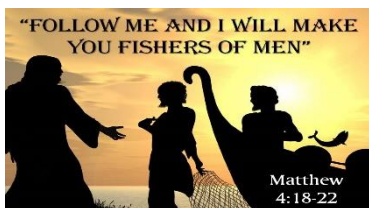
***A Note from the Pastor***

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The words of Jesus in last weekend's readings brought healing and forgiveness, and they also brought comfort and direction in times of uncertainty. He said, "Follow me, I will make you fishers of men"; "Be not afraid"; "I will be with you always"; "Today you will be with me in paradise". Such powerful words – no one had ever spoken in this manner before. The absolute authority with which Jesus spoke moved many people to follow him and listen closely to his teachings. "He commands even the unclean spirits and they obey him." How well are we "obeying" Jesus?

To listen closely to the teachings of Jesus is every Catholic's responsibility. It is easy to hear the Scriptures proclaimed each time we attend Mass, but it can be more difficult to listen with a receptive ear and a willing heart, and harder, still, to put those lessons into practice. The words of Peter from Saint John's Gospel express it well; "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life". We are to listen, believe and live accordingly. This is our task, and the Spirit of God alive in us will help us accomplish it. May God bless you all.

*Fr. Steve*



*Pray for Vocations*

**ST. MARY LITURGICAL DUTIES**

**LECTOR**

**Saturday** – Robert Balzer  
**Sunday** – Jo Ann Divin

**ALTAR SERVERS**

**Saturday** – Rylee Fritsch  
**Sunday** – Luke Korenek

**USHERS FOR JANUARY**

**Saturday** – Mark Schmitt, Mark Matocha, Bruce Kubena, Eduardo Alvarado  
**Sunday** – Luke Orsak, Donnie Becka, James Korenek, Bradley Divin

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**FEAST OF ST. BLAISE  
February 3**

One reason for St. Blaise's popularity arose from the fact that he was a physician who cured people, and even performed miraculous cures. Thereby, those who were sick, especially with throat ailments, invoked his intercession. Eventually the custom of the blessing of throats arose, whereby the priest held two crossed candles over the heads of the faithful or touched their throats with them while he invoked the prayer of the saint and imparted God's blessing. This practice continues in many parishes on St. Blaise's feast day.

While we invoke St. Blaise for his protection against any physical ailment of the throat, we should also ask his protection against any spiritual ailment — profanity, cursing, unkind remarks, detraction or gossip. St. James reminds us, "If a man who does not control his tongue imagines that he is devout, he is self-deceived; his worship is pointless" (1:26) and later, "We use [the tongue] to say, 'Praise be the Lord and Father'; then we use it to curse men, though they are made in the likeness of God. Blessing and curse come out of the same mouth. This ought not to be, my brothers!" (3:9-10). Therefore, may St. Blaise protect us from all evil, physical and spiritual, which may attack the throat.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY  
FATHER STEVE! February 1**



**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**

**DEACON ROBERT JASEK** on the  
*Eleventh Anniversary* of your  
 Diaconate Ordination – **February 6**

